

## Chapter 9 - In Which It appears that a Senator Is but a Man

### Vocabulary

abetting—supporting

vexation—irritation

beguiled—charmed

bombazine—black silk

for bore—held back

liege—faithful

expiate—amend

1. Mrs. Bird is normally a gentle, sympathetic woman. What circumstances must be present for Mrs. Bird to become passionate?
2. How does the following passage help the reader to understand why a caring man like Mr. Bird votes for the Fugitive Slave Law?  
“...there is such a state of public agitation rising, that we must put aside our private feelings.” (Pg. 77)
3. Cite incidents from the story to support or refute the following statement: Good men vote for bad laws.
4. Why is Mrs. Bird particularly moved by Eliza’s problems?
5. What steps does Mr. Bird take to help Eliza?
6. Find a passage in this chapter where Stowe openly appeals to maternal sympathies.

## Chapter 10 - The Property is Carried Off

### Vocabulary

vehemently—emotionally

expostulations—discussions

1. Find an example of stereotyping that tries to explain Tom's feelings the morning Haley takes him away from his family.
2. Why do many slaves, who belong to kind masters, take the risk and flee to Canada? What, if anything, do you think is wrong with Stowe's explanation?
3. What vow does Mrs. Shelby make to Aunt Chloe and Uncle Tom before he leaves with Haley?
4. What does Master George give Tom? Why?

## **Chapter 11 - In Which Property Gets into an Improper State of Mind**

### **Vocabulary**

calico—white cotton fabric

greensward—turf green with growing grass

bonhomie—graciousness

pertinaciously—stubbornly

handbill—printed sheet for distribution

valise—traveling bag

cumbrous—heavy

obsequious—flattering attentiveness

1. Why does the long-legged veteran tell Mr. Wilson he would like to brand George's master?
2. Who is Mr. Butler of Oaklands, Shelby County? Why does he invite Mr. Wilson to his room?
3. For what reasons does Mr. Wilson believe it is wrong for George to run away from his master? What does he agree to do to help George?
4. What is George implying when he says "All men are free and equal in the grave"? (Pg. 112)
5. At the end of the chapter Mr. Wilson tries again to convince George to trust God. What does George finally agree to "think of" in the last line of the chapter?